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INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Victoria.			Melbourne and Suburbs.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Census—				
1901 (31st March)	603,720	597,350	1,201,070	496,079
1911 (3rd April)	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	593,237
1921 (4th April)	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	782,979
1933 (30th June)	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	991,934
1947 (30th June)	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,226,409
1954 (30th June)	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	(a) 1,524,111
At 31st December (estimated)—				
1953 (b)	1,212,060	1,203,975	2,416,035	1,388,800
1954 (b)	1,246,591	1,234,286	2,480,877	1,544,500
1955	1,288,058	1,266,963	2,555,021	1,595,300
1956	1,328,357	1,304,266	2,632,623	1,649,000
At 31st March, 1957 (estimated) ..	1,342,542	1,317,241	2,659,783	..

(a) Area of Melbourne and Suburbs was re-defined for statistical purposes as from 1st January, 1954.

(b) Revised in accordance with the final result of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Year ended 31st December—								
1953	19,238	53,561	22,650	1,133	8.03	22.36	9.45	21.15
1954	19,404	54,660	22,554	1,055	(a) 7.91	(a) 22.28	(a) 9.19	19.30
1955	20,056	56,336	22,527	1,035	(a) 7.94	(a) 22.30	(a) 8.92	18.37
1956	20,137	58,393	23,886	1,128	(a) 7.73	(a) 22.42	(a) 9.17	19.32
1957—					Equivalent Annual Rate per 1,000 of Population. (a)			
March Quarter ..	4,754	15,273	5,378	326	7.19	23.09	8.13	21.34

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause of Death.	Year Ended 31st December—		Quarter Ended 31st March—	
	1955.	1956.	1956.	1957 (a).
Tuberculosis	222	194	39	33
Malignant Neoplasms	3,532	3,658	890	963
Diabetes	420	458	105	84
Vascular Lesions affecting Central Nervous System	3,060	3,249	638	704
Diseases of the Heart	7,538	7,988	1,477	1,691
General Arteriosclerosis	791	940	181	196
Pneumonia	568	641	71	129
Nephritis and Nephrosis	311	311	76	63
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy	602	657	170	198
Accidents	1,216	1,258	256	384

(a) Subject to revision.

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Government Employment.(b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying	Factories.(c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July ..	90.0	267.5	357.5	5.5	128.4	36.4	45.4	75.9		35.9
1952—June ..	153.7	370.8	524.5	5.2	204.1	52.3	71.3	35.9	55.4	49.0
1953—June ..	150.9	370.7	521.6	5.3	206.4	49.5	69.0	36.3	54.7	49.4
1954—June ..	154.8	384.9	539.7	4.9	216.1	51.5	72.0	36.9	57.2	50.1
1955—June ..	158.2	398.5	556.7	4.8	223.4	54.3	72.9	37.2	59.9	52.0
1956—April ..	159.5	405.9	565.4	4.8	228.4	52.8	72.1	37.7	62.1	54.1
May ..	160.0	405.6	565.6	4.8	227.7	53.6	72.2	37.8	61.9	54.0
June ..	160.2	404.2	564.4	4.8	227.2	53.6	72.1	37.8	61.7	53.8
1957—April ..	161.5	402.8	564.3	4.6	225.0	50.6	73.8	37.7	63.0	55.9
May ..	162.3	402.6	564.9	4.6	225.0	50.7	74.4	37.9	62.7	56.0
June ..	162.7	402.4	565.1	4.6	224.8	50.6	74.9	37.9	62.6	56.1
FEMALES.										
1939—July ..	16.8	126.1	142.9	0.1	63.9	0.3	3.3	30.8		34.3
1952—June ..	36.9	169.7	206.6	0.1	76.6	1.1	11.6	30.8	20.2	56.6
1953—June ..	35.6	170.3	205.9	0.1	79.6	1.1	10.6	29.8	19.8	56.1
1954—June ..	36.3	181.4	217.7	0.1	86.6	1.2	10.3	31.6	21.2	57.9
1955—June ..	39.2	187.8	227.0	0.1	88.2	1.3	11.0	33.8	22.5	60.8
1956—April ..	41.7	192.1	233.8	0.1	90.1	1.3	11.5	33.5	24.4	63.3
May ..	41.9	191.5	233.4	0.1	89.8	1.3	11.6	33.5	24.3	63.3
June ..	41.9	191.3	233.2	0.1	89.4	1.3	11.6	33.8	24.3	63.0
1957—April ..	42.1	192.7	234.8	0.1	89.0	1.4	11.6	32.7	25.2	65.1
May ..	42.1	191.7	233.8	0.1	87.7	1.4	11.5	32.7	25.2	65.4
June ..	42.1	191.3	233.4	0.1	87.3	1.4	11.4	32.8	25.3	65.2
PERSONS.										
1939—July ..	106.8	393.6	500.4	5.6	192.3	36.7	48.7	106.7		70.2
1952—June ..	190.6	540.5	731.1	5.3	280.7	53.4	82.9	66.7	75.6	105.6
1953—June ..	186.5	541.0	727.5	5.4	286.0	50.6	79.6	66.1	74.5	105.5
1954—June ..	191.1	566.3	757.4	5.0	302.7	52.7	82.3	68.5	78.4	108.0
1955—June ..	197.4	586.3	783.7	4.9	311.6	55.6	83.9	71.0	82.4	112.8
1956—April ..	201.2	598.0	799.2	4.9	318.5	54.1	83.6	71.2	86.5	117.4
May ..	201.9	597.1	799.0	4.9	317.5	54.9	83.8	71.3	86.2	117.3
June ..	202.1	595.5	797.6	4.9	316.6	54.9	83.7	71.6	86.0	116.8
1957—April ..	203.6	595.5	799.1	4.7	314.0	52.0	85.4	70.4	88.2	121.0
May ..	204.4	594.3	798.7	4.7	312.7	52.1	85.9	70.6	87.9	121.4
June ..	204.8	593.7	798.5	4.7	312.1	52.0	86.3	70.7	87.9	121.3

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948) subject to revision.

(b) Employees of Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental authorities.

(c) From July, 1948, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., *excluding* female private domestic).

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF
CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

(Adult Males.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Townships— Weighted Average.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
1939—September ..	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1950—February ..	134 0	130 0	130 0	133 0	132 0	134 0
May ..	137 0	133 0	133 0	136 0	135 0	136 0
August ..	140 0	135 0	136 0	139 0	139 0	140 0
November ..	143 0	138 0	139 0	142 0	143 0	142 0
December ..	162 0	157 0	158 0	161 0	162 0	161 0
1951—February ..	170 0	164 0	164 0	167 0	170 0	169 0
May ..	177 0	171 0	171 0	175 0	177 0	177 0
August ..	189 0	188 0	182 0	190 0	188 0	189 0
November ..	199 0	198 0	194 0	198 0	202 0	199 0
1952—February ..	209 0	208 0	205 0	207 0	211 0	209 0
May ..	212 0	211 0	209 0	211 0	215 0	212 0
August ..	224 0	221 0	221 0	222 0	227 0	224 0
November ..	228 0	227 0	226 0	227 0	233 0	228 0
1953—February ..	229 0	226 0	226 0	227 0	234 0	229 0
May ..	232 0	228 0	229 0	228 0	235 0	231 0
August (a) ..	235 0	232 0	232 0	232 0	239 0	235 0
1956—June (b) ..	245 0	242 0	242 0	242 0	249 0	245 0
1957—May ..	255 0	252 0	252 0	252 0	259 0	255 0

(a) Automatic adjustment of basic wage discontinued in Commonwealth Awards by the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced on 12th September, 1953.

(b) By a decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on 25th May, 1956, automatic quarterly adjustments not restored.

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

MELBOURNE—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES UNDER STATE WAGES BOARDS
DETERMINATIONS. (a) (ADULT MALES.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Amount.
	<i>s. d.</i>
1953—November	237 0
1954—February	238 0
May	237 0
August	236 0
November	234 0
1955—February	235 0
May	237 0
August	240 0
November	246 0
1956—February	251 0
May	256 0
August (b)	263 0

(a) No basic wage declared but the rates shown are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Labour and Industry Act requires Wages Boards to provide for automatic adjustment of Wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers.

(b) Automatic adjustment of wages in accordance with the Commonwealth Statistician's "All Items" retail price index numbers was discontinued after August, 1956.

NOTE.—Prior to November, 1953, rates generally followed were those fixed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

VICTORIA—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK.

Period.	Number.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Estimated Loss in Wages.
		Directly.	Indirectly. (a)	Total.		
						£'000
1939 Year ..	10	1,989	180	2,169	27,313	20
1952 „ ..	33	60,753	1,167	61,920	116,339	339
1953 „ ..	53	65,962	2,164	68,126	57,160	176
1954 „ ..	76	42,476	2,337	44,813	135,307	458
1955 „ ..	66	33,255	2,287	35,542	138,507	435
1956 „ ..	54	35,594	2,283	37,877	111,665	385
1955—March Qr. ..	25	8,539	824	9,363	21,339	63
June Qr. ..	21	12,546	1,014	13,560	20,475	64
September Qr. ..	9	3,888	265	4,153	78,338	240
December Qr. ..	11	8,282	184	8,466	18,355	68
1956—March Qr. ..	23	16,540	1,317	17,857	85,545	302
June Qr. ..	7	5,287	110	5,397	10,114	33
September Qr. ..	16	10,539	48	10,587	8,552	29
December Qr. ..	8	3,228	808	4,036	7,454	21
1957—March Qr. ..	13	5,077	..	5,077	1,716	6
June Qr. ..	9	1,423	159	1,582	2,540	8

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

Note.—The above statement has been compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27=1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
„ 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
„ 1947 ..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
„ 1948 ..	1,294	1,243	1,244	1,278	1,283	1,290
„ 1949 ..	1,415	1,365	1,365	1,397	1,398	1,411
„ 1950 ..	1,565	1,509	1,520	1,549	1,558	1,561
„ 1951 ..	1,880	1,857	1,826	1,871	1,886	1,877
„ 1952 ..	2,170	2,147	2,139	2,154	2,205	2,168
„ 1953 ..	2,285	2,265	2,261	2,263	2,323	2,283
„ 1954 ..	2,288	2,272	2,266	2,268	2,345	2,286
„ 1955 ..	2,365	2,340	2,339	2,341	2,407	2,363
„ 1956 ..	2,567	2,529	2,540	2,538	2,592	2,564
1955—June Quarter..	2,329	2,310	2,310	2,319	2,381	2,328
September Qr.	2,392	2,365	2,359	2,363	2,419	2,389
December Qr.	2,436	2,408	2,406	2,407	2,472	2,433
1956—March Quarter	2,481	2,437	2,451	2,451	2,481	2,478
June Quarter..	2,555	2,514	2,516	2,520	2,582	2,551
September Qr.	2,628	2,594	2,607	2,597	2,659	2,626
December Qr.	2,603	2,572	2,587	2,585	2,644	2,601
1957—March Quarter	2,546	2,519	2,528	2,523	2,582	2,544
June Quarter..	2,573	2,533	2,560	2,543	2,594	2,570

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usage which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. A table relating to this index for varying periods from 1861 to 1950 is shown in issue No. 26 (March, 1953) of this publication. Particulars for subsequent years may be found in the "Labour Report" issued annually by the Commonwealth Statistician.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices referred to in the previous paragraph. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from homes produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.		Basic Materials.						Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.			
		Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.		Total.	Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29	Year ..	127	106	129	121	115	95	114	107	91	118	110
1931-32	" ..	108	113	77	119	74	95	101	86	100	92	95
1938-39	" ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1945-46	" ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47	" ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48	" ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49	" ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50	" ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51	" ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52	" ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53	" ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54	" ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
1954-55	" ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	311	277	338	320
1955-56	" ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	332	292	357	338
1956-57	" ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	342	311	371	353
1955-56—												
April	.. ..	403	230	456	318	326	442	353	337	303	362	344
May	.. ..	410	231	477	317	322	444	357	344	304	369	350
June	.. ..	409	231	482	318	326	444	357	351	299	376	353
1956-57—												
July	.. ..	410	232	461	344	314	444	358	358	301	382	358
August	.. ..	409	240	481	344	315	445	362	370	303	393	366
September	.. ..	411	241	513	344	312	467	368	378	309	401	373
October	.. ..	410	241	503	344	306	467	367	374	310	396	371
November	.. ..	413	241	522	344	306	467	369	341	314	371	354
December	.. ..	412	241	528	344	307	467	369	322	315	355	343
January	.. ..	412	240	533	344	307	467	369	319	316	353	342
February	.. ..	409	244	544	344	298	467	370	326	318	358	346
March	.. ..	407	244	532	344	296	467	368	330	315	361	347
April	.. ..	407	244	547	344	289	467	369	330	313	362	348
May	.. ..	403	244	548	344	289	467	367	320	(b) 311	354	341
June	.. ..	402	240	527	345	288	467	365	328	(b) 307	360	345

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

(b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—During 1956 supplies and prices of potatoes and onions fluctuated upwards and downwards between abnormally wide limits. These fluctuations were so great as to dominate the movement of the sections of the index in which these items were included, namely, "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", "Goods Principally Home Produced" and "All Groups". Indexes for these items were reconstructed by the Commonwealth Statistician by excluding potatoes and onions. Indexes shown in the above table however include potatoes and onions for these items for purposes of comparability with indexes for previous years.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

A.—SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period. (a)		Widows' Pensions (c) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (d) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment. (f)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Main- taining a Child.	Not Main- taining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(e)	..	..
1920-21 ..	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31 ..	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39 ..	(b) 67,896	(b) 19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1949-50 ..	84,831	14,328	3,892	7,168	49,035	168,904	(g) 452,333
1950-51 ..	86,210	13,977	3,842	6,789	50,210	301,805	605,673
1951-52 ..	87,845	13,973	3,724	6,498	52,144	317,591	642,693
1952-53 ..	93,353	15,019	3,885	6,288	55,297	328,561	672,525
1953-54 ..	98,210	15,882	3,885	5,942	54,219	339,022	699,220
1954-55 ..	106,406	17,074	3,995	5,800	55,720	350,395	729,399
1955-56 ..	112,649	18,113	4,343	5,903	58,385	361,848	760,667
1956-57 ..	118,788	19,207	4,680	6,199	59,648	373,121	791,026

(a) Excluding age and invalid pensioners in benevolent institutions.

(b) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(c) Commenced from 1st July, 1942. Particulars exclude pensions payable to widows in benevolent institutions.

(d) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(e) Not available.

(f) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

(g) As from 20th June, 1950, endowment became payable in respect of all children under sixteen years of age in a family.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)		Sickness Benefits.(a)	
	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)
	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945-46 Year ..	2,695	579	10,169	1,790
1946-47 ..	16,187	667	14,550	2,468
1947-48 ..	1,029	66	17,105	2,506
1948-49 ..	288	51	16,712	3,444
1949-50 ..	1,037	151	15,120	3,745
1950-51 ..	1,145	32	14,715	1,733
1951-52 ..	3,058	1,133	11,838	1,578
1952-53 ..	39,245	5,939	11,046	2,059
1953-54 ..	9,590	1,203	12,843	2,035
1954-55 ..	2,398	319	13,095	2,003
1955-56 ..	4,143	1,412	12,310	1,674
1956-57 ..	23,938	5,073	11,750	1,545

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

B.—REPATRIATION BENEFITS.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
At 30th June—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1921	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1948	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192
1949	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2,736	1,154
1950	46,553	13,743	61,297	121,593	2,784	1,099
1951	49,120	13,744	69,055	131,919	2,696	1,071
1952	51,098	13,758	75,518	140,374	2,661	1,125
1953	52,785	13,817	81,464	148,066	3,029	1,244
1954	54,213	13,941	86,456	154,610	3,308	1,318
1955	56,011	13,998	92,344	162,353	3,614	1,351
1956	57,452	13,974	97,402	168,828	5,279	2,909
1957	58,204	14,131	101,319	173,654	6,058	2,717

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars relate to war pensions in respect of 1914–18 War 1939–45 War, and the Korean and Malayan operations, and to service pensions in respect of the South African War, 1914–18 War, and 1939–45 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING : VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate.(a)		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.					
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
<i>Entered.</i>								
1938–39 Year	188	'000 686	548	'000 3,100	2,243	'000 4,751	2,979	'000 8,537
1952–53	314	1,370	585	3,322	1,549	3,934	2,448	8,626
1953–54	331	1,495	629	3,488	1,586	4,030	2,546	9,013
1954–55	452	2,103	711	3,790	1,555	4,059	2,718	9,952
1955–56	457	2,373	686	3,688	1,614	4,476	2,757	10,537
1954–55—								
September Quarter ..	106	480	162	905	375	895	643	2,280
December Quarter ..	120	552	178	957	377	1,012	675	2,521
March Quarter ..	122	572	181	955	402	1,052	705	2,579
June Quarter ..	104	499	190	973	401	1,100	695	2,572
1955–56—								
September Quarter ..	122	607	169	870	461	1,167	752	2,644
December Quarter ..	122	624	166	893	456	1,305	744	2,822
March Quarter ..	111	609	172	966	314	952	597	2,527
June Quarter ..	102	533	179	959	383	1,052	664	2,544
<i>Cleared.</i>								
1938–39 Year	195	'000 757	495	'000 2,886	2,299	'000 4,837	2,989	'000 8,480
1952–53	347	1,515	441	2,553	1,649	4,521	2,437	8,589
1953–54	343	1,534	458	2,648	1,740	4,828	2,541	9,010
1954–55	393	1,826	473	2,632	1,853	5,491	2,719	9,949
1955–56	429	2,190	484	2,691	1,842	5,592	2,755	10,473
1954–55—								
September Quarter ..	88	408	117	669	463	1,251	668	2,328
December Quarter ..	97	455	119	657	438	1,346	654	2,458
March Quarter ..	99	433	114	684	484	1,404	697	2,521
June Quarter ..	109	530	123	622	468	1,490	700	2,642
1955–56—								
September Quarter ..	98	465	123	628	532	1,577	753	2,670
December Quarter ..	106	514	128	707	509	1,563	743	2,784
March Quarter ..	100	548	104	633	390	1,311	594	2,492
June Quarter ..	125	663	129	723	411	1,141	665	2,527

(a) Includes overseas vessels on interstate voyages.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Compiled from information collected by the Department of Trade and Customs.)

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
IMPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	43,857	551	44,408
1953	173,201	574	173,775
1954	237,281	399	237,680
1955	297,348	146	297,494
1956	299,296	53	299,349
1957	254,884	62	254,946
EXPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	28,388	2,431	30,819
1953	228,004	114	228,118
1954	203,528	53	203,581
1955	216,508	64	216,572
1956	209,519	36	209,555
1957	252,508	3,244	255,752

VALUES OF IMPORTS FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS
(SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(Values are in Australian currency f.o.b. at port of shipment.)

Classification.	QUARTER Period Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS ..	412	380	2,089	1,829
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.	1,886	1,938	7,499	9,452
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	93	81	412	341
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	485	1,953	6,938	5,759
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	30	31	151	107
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS	757	698	2,113	2,301
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	1,391	1,712	5,793	6,555
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL ..	10,069	10,188	44,895	37,336
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES ..	7,950	10,455	35,115	34,406
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	632	752	2,448	2,589
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	516	391	2,575	1,706
CLASS XII.(a) — METALS AND MANU- FACTURES	17,794	13,013	70,652	52,277
CLASS XII.(b) — DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, ETC.	2,870	2,086	9,364	9,623
CLASS XII.(c) — MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL) ..	10,331	7,860	39,438	31,977
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF	2,061	2,021	9,560	6,998
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	928	709	4,052	4,079
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE	982	854	4,506	3,664
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD ..	2,642	2,320	10,910	10,066
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY	953	923	4,070	3,736
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES	639	462	3,354	2,314
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	680	646	2,837	2,612
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS	1,983	2,288	8,378	8,740
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS	4,978	3,325	22,147	16,417
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	11	15	53	62
GRAND TOTAL	71,073	65,101	299,349	254,946

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

Classification.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—				
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	155	273	483	918
Lamb	309	443	4,756	2,610
Mutton	202	295	1,293	935
Pork	14	24	66	67
Poultry	4	5	49	41
Rabbits and Hares	536	446	1,372	1,889
Other	138	100	870	572
Preserved in Tins	1,364	1,543	5,643	4,760
Sausage Casings	400	331	1,548	1,249
Other	51	51	203	268
Butter	2,756	1,051	16,870	17,872
Cheese	683	326	1,955	2,754
Eggs	5	197	725	621
Milk and Cream	1,392	856	5,920	6,340
Other Animal Foodstuffs	417	279	893	1,284
Total, Class I.	8,426	6,220	42,646	42,180
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN ; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	2,932	1,925	9,907	11,595
Oats	308	55	1,263	751
Barley	805	818	1,353	1,983
Other	120	..	137	4
Prepared—				
Rice	60	23	423	150
Flour (White, plain)	1,936	1,552	6,573	7,188
Malt	27	298	235	748
Other	227	147	647	360
Fruits—				
Fresh	797	1,169	1,768	2,293
Dried	2,105	3,345	5,572	4,615
Preserved in liquid	4,370	3,764	8,681	6,306
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	620	359	1,664	1,978
Total, Class II.	14,307	13,455	38,223	37,971
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	105	112	507	614
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	13	27	236	174
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	19	16	53	64

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Classification.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare	153	110	1,170	721
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	210	179	760	755
Sheep (with wool and without wool) ..	1,521	2,410	6,683	7,316
Other	4	1	18	82
Wool—				
Greasy	25,511	33,802	78,239	111,628
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	4,495	5,578	14,046	18,289
Other Animal Substances	14	25	90	175
Total, Class VI.	31,908	42,105	101,006	138,966
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	44	26	181	158
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL ..	305	298	873	1,239
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES ..	1,748	1,785	5,296	6,000
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	62	63	176	219
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, &c. ..	1,115	668	3,644	2,972
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY	1,831	3,211	6,652	12,180
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF	420	534	1,501	1,687
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	56	50	193	193
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE	22	43	155	187
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY ..	179	185	628	713
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES	63	33	225	199
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	123	85	446	450
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS	456	365	2,231	2,117
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS	1,900	1,278	4,647	4,225
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER: BRONZE SPECIE	3	..	36	3,244
Australian Produce	62,101	70,066	207,408	253,151
Other Produce	1,004	493	2,147	2,601
GRAND TOTAL	63,105	70,559	209,555	255,752

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Imports from—	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	113,159	133,950	129,187	103,212
Australian Territories	1,229	1,193	1,837	1,783
Borneo (British)	2,219	8,872	3,901	8,210
Canada	5,074	5,662	8,230	6,539
Ceylon	4,444	7,171	2,776	3,356
East Africa (British)	1,271	1,776	1,491	1,671
Hong Kong	384	666	735	863
India, Republic of	4,817	6,150	6,123	7,028
Malaya, Federation of	3,333	4,569	6,485	4,309
New Zealand	2,401	2,468	2,724	4,157
Pakistan	1,687	1,042	877	651
Rhodesia	1,352	1,978	1,604	1,275
Singapore	3,041	1,274	436	95
South Africa, Union of	917	1,690	1,260	1,030
Other British Possessions	1,468	1,954	1,351	1,530
Arabia—				
Bahrain Islands	5,494	4,195	2,311	423
Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Muscat and Oman, &c.	3,849	6,369	9,455	10,697
Austria	771	1,472	1,607	1,136
Belgium	2,432	3,389	3,229	2,598
Brazil	397	854	397	491
China	576	422	621	751
Czechoslovakia	747	821	1,092	821
Finland	810	1,602	1,353	1,255
France	5,766	4,815	5,421	3,310
Germany	9,607	13,304	14,807	13,431
Indonesia, Republic of	6,500	5,185	6,432	6,513
Iran (Persia)	11	454	6,565	4,519
Italy	4,322	5,123	4,803	3,650
Japan	2,634	6,559	8,131	4,389
Netherlands	3,341	5,902	4,733	3,334
Netherlands Antilles	69	362	948	70
Norway	1,181	1,532	1,665	1,273
Sweden	3,557	4,614	3,704	3,818
Switzerland	3,356	3,767	4,092	3,151
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	337	418	347	219
United States of America	27,565	35,744	36,592	33,250
Venezuela	423	403	746	988
Other Foreign Countries	2,452	4,174	5,580	4,150
Country not stated	33	46	43	201
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	233,026	291,941	293,691	250,147

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1954.	1955.	1956. (a)	1957. (a)
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	68,437	84,471	74,525	74,585
Australian Territories	1,119	1,803	1,991	2,111
Borneo (British)	369	559	619	550
Canada	3,038	3,325	3,564	2,877
Ceylon	4,792	3,018	2,809	3,232
Hong Kong	1,569	1,417	1,543	1,863
India, Republic of	2,832	5,998	4,687	8,452
Ireland, Republic of	866	1,059	317	707
Malaya, Federation of	3,795	3,657	3,205	3,695
Mauritius and Dependencies	835	615	310	534
New Zealand	8,822	10,053	10,598	12,521
Pakistan	828	822	731	2,296
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	428	398	404	582
Singapore	3,103	3,441	4,528	4,756
South Africa, Union of	1,406	1,235	918	1,256
Other British Countries	2,746	3,342	3,250	3,508
Arabia	653	733	638	917
Belgium	5,067	6,049	4,563	6,252
Czechoslovakia	696	1,697	1,544	2,197
Egypt	1,007	446	691	153
France	21,330	21,182	21,654	26,885
Germany	6,420	9,855	7,447	12,436
Indonesia, Republic of	2,026	1,335	2,351	2,352
Italy	13,832	11,377	11,237	17,510
Japan	11,381	12,404	19,665	31,498
Mexico	1,156	1,789	1,547	2,128
Netherlands	1,745	2,124	1,164	1,181
Poland	842	1,386	1,680	3,121
Sweden	1,510	914	999	825
Switzerland	898	750	847	902
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	10,497	153	..	16
United States of America	12,947	12,244	11,399	13,244
Other Foreign Countries	6,589	6,921	8,130	10,603
Total	203,581	216,572	209,555	255,745

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.				Year Ended 30th June—		
				1955.	1956.	1957.
Wool—						
Greasy	{	'000 lb.	251,970	278,130	313,425	
		£'000	84,101	78,165	111,628	
Scoured, Washed, and Carbonized	{	'000 lb.	27,879	26,828	26,977	
		£'000	11,372	9,871	11,331	
Tops, Noils, and Waste	{	'000 lb.	4,871	10,799	15,632	
		£'000	1,352	4,175	6,958	
Butter	{	'000 lb.	80,297	107,542	110,796	
		£'000	13,642	16,870	17,872	
Wheat	{	tons	564,253	412,091	481,021	
		£'000	15,201	9,907	11,595	
Flour (white, plain)	{	'000 lb.	441,726	448,123	502,321	
		£'000	6,873	6,573	7,188	
Fruits—						
Dried	{	'000 lb.	113,391	102,394	72,729	
		£'000	5,764	5,572	4,615	
Fresh—						
Oranges	{	bushels	334,754	458,819	474,653	
		£'000	503	683	713	
Apples	{	bushels	112,966	89,338	67,925	
		£'000	155	123	110	
Pears	{	bushels	1,083,558	585,769	817,711	
		£'000	1,743	921	1,406	
Other Fresh Fruits	{	£'000	68	41	64	
Preserved in Liquid	{	'000 lb.	141,215	112,065	80,481	
		£'000	9,801	8,687	6,306	
Meats—						
Beef (chilled or frozen)	{	'000 lb.	10,359	4,396	9,155	
		£'000	913	483	918	
Lamb (frozen)	{	'000 lb.	58,397	50,450	28,574	
		£'000	6,280	4,756	2,610	
Mutton (frozen)	{	'000 lb.	22,237	21,434	14,822	
		£'000	1,065	1,293	934	
Pork (frozen)	{	'000 lb.	855	433	353	
		£'000	113	66	67	
Poultry (frozen)	{	£'000	101	49	41	
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	{	£'000	1,008	1,372	1,889	
Preserved in Tins	{	'000 lb.	52,055	46,751	46,074	
		£'000	7,002	5,643	4,760	
Sausage Casings	{	£'000	1,408	1,533	1,249	
All Other Meats	{	£'000	1,152	1,088	840	
Milk and Cream	{	£'000	5,601	5,936	6,340	
Hides and Skins—						
Sheep (with wool)	{	'000 lb.	39,304	41,480	35,866	
		£'000	6,411	6,330	7,023	
Rabbit and Hare	{	'000 lb.	2,672	2,343	1,845	
		£'000	597	1,170	721	
Other Skins	{	£'000	840	1,134	1,850	
Tallow (inedible)	{	cwt.	143,088	354,432	358,267	
		£'000	620	1,443	1,516	
Eggs in shell	{	'000 doz.	3,368	2,544	1,882	
		£'000	493	382	324	
Eggs not in shell	{	£'000	478	343	298	
Cheese	{	'000 lb.	31,579	17,992	25,461	
		£'000	3,361	1,955	2,754	

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
Average Mileage operated	4,754	4,574	4,458	4,449	4,425
Traffic Train Mileage—					
Passenger—Suburban '000	7,671	8,193	8,235	8,298	8,291
Country '000	4,764	4,616	4,615	4,677	4,730
Goods '000	5,455	5,494	5,890	5,660	5,523
Total '000	17,890	18,303	18,740	18,635	18,544
Passenger Journeys—Suburban '000	135,546	157,658	160,651	160,282	162,255
Country '000	6,578	8,447	8,553	6,427	5,150
Total '000	142,124	166,105	169,204	166,709	167,405
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	8,622	9,508	9,127	8,935
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	579	575	480	445
Gross Ton Mileage '000	4,734,904	6,088,695	6,429,202	6,262,338	6,325,849
Contents Ton Mileage—					
Goods (incl. Live Stock) '000	760,485	1,269,772	1,426,415	1,324,877	1,317,393
Average Haul per Ton—					
Goods (incl. Live Stock) miles	127·26	138·01	141·47	137·91	140·44

Particulars.	Traffic Train Mileage During Year Ended 30th June, 1957.					
	Steam.	Electric Motor.	Rail Motor.	Electric Locomotive.	Diesel Electric Locomotive.	Total.
Passenger Trains—						
Suburban miles '000	11	8,213	57	..	10	8,291
Country miles '000	661	..	1,724	314	2,031	4,730
Goods Trains miles '000	2,889	2	..	735	1,897	5,523
Total Traffic Train Mileage miles '000	3,561	8,215	1,781	1,049	3,938	18,544

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
Gross Revenue—					
Ordinary £'000	9,284	35,706	37,697	37,042	37,363
Recoup by State Treasury towards Interest, &c. £'000	..	1,931	2,144	..	..
Total Revenue £'000	9,284	37,637	39,841	37,042	37,363
Working Expenses (a) £'000	8,060	35,950	37,032	38,026	39,119
Net Earnings (b) £'000	1,224	1,687	2,809	—984	—1,756
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt Sinking Fund, &c. £'000	2,168	2,591	2,848	3,180	3,328
Net Result for Year £'000	—944	—904	—39	—4,164	—5,084

(a) Including cost of pensions and Pay-roll Tax.

(b) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
Tramway Track Open—					
Double miles	(a) 127·3	129·6	129·6	138·4	138·4
Single miles	5·9	4·2	4·2	4·2	4·2
Motor Omnibus Route miles	48·6	64·1	64·1	62·5	62·5
Vehicle Mileage—					
Tramways '000	22,981	22,000	21,046	22,253	22,240
Motor Omnibuses '000	2,165	7,892	7,241	5,859	5,907
Passenger Journeys—					
Tramways '000	182,094	204,747	202,437	207,914	203,323
Motor Omnibuses '000	11,911	59,111	56,511	37,209	34,640
Revenue—					
Traffic Receipts £'000	2,305	6,598	6,443	7,155	7,563
Other £'000	15	82	92	88	147
Total Revenue	2,320	6,680	6,535	7,243	7,710
Operating Expenses, Fixed Charges and Appropriations	2,318	6,929	6,968	7,956	8,787
Surplus on Operation	2	..	..	..	..
Deficit on Operation .. .. .	..	249	433	713	1,077

(a) Including 7·94 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.					Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
					Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	
NEW REGISTRATIONS.									
1938-39	Year	..	..	..	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1953-54	"	..	..	..	36,258	7,957	3,801	48,016	2,482
1954-55	"	..	..	..	51,894	10,038	4,505	66,437	2,344
1955-56	"	..	..	..	52,860	11,898	4,567	69,325	2,356
1956-57	"	..	..	..	47,029	9,680	3,858	60,567	1,983
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.									
1938-39	Year	..	..	..	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1953-54	"	..	..	..	14,356	3,914	2,358	20,628	5,195
1954-55	"	..	..	..	19,907	5,030	3,630	28,567	5,342
1955-56	"	..	..	..	19,628	4,594	3,375	27,597	5,342
1956-57	"	..	..	..	20,052	4,973	3,832	29,307	4,822
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.									
1938-39	Year	..	..	..	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1953-54	"	..	..	..	342,039	74,173	39,339	455,551	23,163
1954-55	"	..	..	..	378,860	78,514	43,331	500,705	21,464
1955-56	"	..	..	..	420,523	81,741	45,563	547,827	19,934
1956-57	"	..	..	..	454,067	84,379	49,935	588,381	18,780
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS.									
1938-39	Year	..	..	..	151,131	36,162	47,427	234,720	26,698
1953-54	"	..	..	..	392,653	86,044	45,498	524,195	30,840
1954-55	"	..	..	..	450,661	93,582	51,466	595,709	29,150
1955-56	"	..	..	..	493,011	98,233	53,505	644,749	27,632
1956-57	"	..	..	..	521,598	99,032	57,625	678,255	25,585

(a) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles included private cars and commercial vehicles, but since that date only vehicles, constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business, are included under this heading.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES AND PERMITS.

Type of Licence or Permit.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1955.	1956.	1957.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	62	41	99
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	1,535	1,034	1,276
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	1,597	1,075	1,375
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	5,270	5,543	5,629
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	2,768	3,015	3,699
Total, "Discretionary" Licences	2,870	8,038	8,558	9,328
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	10,181	10,762	9,818
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong ..	439	1,317	1,441	1,340
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong ..	4,203	8,219	8,390	7,823
Primary Producers	699	10,770	10,920	11,089
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	744	765	748
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	25,385	25,095	24,172
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Waggons and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	7,791	7,097	7,116
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	64,407	64,470	62,106
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers	558	138	118	113
Aircraft Licences .. .. .	..	35	..	..
Grand Total Licences	35,970	74,215	74,221	72,922
Permits to operate temporarily outside the condition of the Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	(a)	8,602	7,949	7,354
Commercial Goods Vehicles	(a)	84,668	83,049(b)	82,176
Total Permits	(a)	93,270	90,998	89,530

(a) Not available.

(b) Because of revised accounting methods this figure is not strictly comparable with figures for earlier years.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
	<i>City of Melbourne (a)</i>			<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>		
1938-39 Year	1,470	47	1,593	1,558	194	1,973
1952-53 "	1,310	42	1,525	4,048	300	5,460
1953-54 "	1,086	28	1,248	4,251	315	5,858
1954-55 "	1,108	38	1,282	3,999	287	5,516
1955-56 "	1,075	26	1,225	4,283	364	5,951
1954-55—						
December Quarter	278	8	319	992	67	1,327
March Quarter	213	6	250	1,032	90	1,461
June Quarter	284	7	353	1,227	80	1,706
1955-56—						
September Quarter	231	7	250	1,029	94	1,413
December Quarter	247	5	285	1,010	81	1,473
March Quarter	319	9	363	1,167	89	1,556
June Quarter	278	5	327	1,077	100	1,509
1956-57—						
September Quarter	298	11	359	988	80	1,438
December Quarter	263	4	293	1,003	83	1,407
	<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i>			<i>Total—Victoria</i>		
1938-39 Year	3,508	177	3,862	6,536	418	7,428
1952-53 "	4,740	173	5,579	10,098	515	12,564
1953-54 "	4,785	148	5,701	10,122	491	12,807
1954-55 "	5,110	203	6,035	10,217	528	12,833
1955-56 "	5,248	192	6,307	10,606	582	13,483
1954-55—						
December Quarter	1,235	48	1,485	2,505	123	3,131
March Quarter	1,093	29	1,331	2,338	125	3,042
June Quarter	1,432	72	1,645	2,943	159	3,704
1955-56—						
September Quarter	1,288	51	1,553	2,548	152	3,216
December Quarter	1,325	26	1,650	2,582	112	3,408
March Quarter	1,211	35	1,465	2,697	133	3,384
June Quarter	1,424	80	1,639	2,779	185	3,475
1956-57						
September Quarter	1,379	66	1,657	2,665	157	3,454
December Quarter	1,440	44	1,778	2,706	131	3,478

(a) Municipality of the City of Melbourne.

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	17,206	20,861	22,904	25,433
Railways	9,349	35,698	37,522	37,147	37,310
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	2,300	5,393	6,343	6,860	6,929
Land	387	2,683	2,259	2,322	2,701
Interest, n.e.i.	1,881	3,054	3,664	4,138	5,081
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
„ States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act ..	..	29,352	32,397	36,044	40,228
„ States Grants (Special Assistance) Act ..	..	5,622	4,959	3,399	5,826
All other Revenue	857	5,470	6,484	8,058	7,465
Total Revenue	26,986	106,605	116,616	122,999	133,100
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Revenue per Head of Population ..	14 8 3	44 0 0	46 17 4	47 19 2	50 8 4

(a) For details see page 26.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt	6,640	10,760	12,972	15,125	16,789
Exchange on Interest Payments	669	559	533	492	480
Sinking Fund Contributions	859	2,928	3,187	3,475	3,686
Other	62	80	90	68	125
Railways	7,694	34,465	35,445	36,046	37,001
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	980	4,180	4,133	4,242	4,628
Education	3,123	17,391	19,423	23,275	26,007
Public Health	143	1,078	1,117	1,251	1,565
Hospitals	1,054	11,601	14,574	15,446	16,938
Other Charities (a)	2,302	2,867	3,559	3,973	4,409
Law, Order, and Public Safety	1,285	6,005	6,377	7,262	8,475
All other Expenditure	2,962	13,980	13,869	15,589	17,309
Total Expenditure	27,773	105,894	115,279	126,244	137,412
	£ s. d.	£ s. s.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Expenditure per Head of Population ..	14 16 8	43 14 1	46 6 7	49 4 5	52 1 0

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
State Taxation Collections—					
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	27	22	25	9
Land Tax	482	2,016	2,625	3,250	4,170
Probate Duty	1,374	5,387	6,305	7,102	7,005
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	3,685	4,171	4,380	5,249
Motor Taxation	1,914	5,883	6,330	6,778	9,399
Racing Taxation (b)	391	2,451	2,100	2,066	2,179
Entertainments Tax (excluding Racing)	286	656	996	1,054	1,406
Liquor Licences	255	1,963	2,108	2,310	2,515
Lotteries (Tattersall Duty) .. .. .	..	..	2,598	2,793	2,979
All other Taxes	110	232	242	245	258
Paid to Consolidated Revenue	10,085	17,206	20,861	22,904	25,433
Paid to Special Funds	1,938	5,094	6,636	7,099	9,736
Total State Collections	12,023	22,300	27,497	30,003	35,169
Tax Reimbursement by Commonwealth .. .. .	..	29,352	32,397	36,044	40,228
Grand Total	12,023	51,652	59,894	66,047	75,397
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per head of Population—					
State Collections	6 8 5	9 4 1	11 1 0	11 13 11	13 6 5
Commonwealth Reimbursement .. .. .	..	12 2 3	13 0 5	14 1 1	15 4 9
Total	6 8 5	21 6 4	24 1 5	25 15 0	28 11 2

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax. (b) Including Entertainments Tax on horse and dog racing.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1957.
	1955.	1956.	1957.	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Works—				
Railways—				
As reduced	8,183	7,867	7,407	112,918
Transferred .. .. .	..	..	..	29,135
Roads and Bridges	1,126	1,106	733	21,146
Water Supply and Sewerage	9,565	7,780	7,599	100,923
Electricity Supply	2,000	1,000	3,400	47,489
Public Buildings—				
Schools	5,374	6,885	7,440	44,910
Hospitals	4,790	5,124	5,901	34,122
Other	1,070	1,215	1,345	9,145
Housing	147	105	320	10,386
Unemployment Relief .. .. .	..	..	..	13,147
Other Public Works	573	817	834	10,930
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a)	4,999	3,900	3,580	92,203
Advances to Settlers (b) .. .. .	..	..	50	3,815
Wire Netting Advances .. .. .	..	..	..	1,042
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. .. .	..	..	..	1,404
Forestry	899	800	750	15,531
Mining (including State Coal Mine)	7	12	142	1,007
Other Primary Production	69	69	76	2,042
Coal (Overseas Purchase) .. .. .	..	..	..	1,960
Gas and Fuel Corporation	1,195	1,170	130	11,889
Rural Finance Corporation	800	920	920	6,659
Other Purposes	155	360	323	2,230
Total Public Works, &c.	40,952	39,130	40,950	574,033
In Aid of Revenue .. .. .	..	..	3,246	18,701
Grand Total	40,952	39,130	44,196	592,734

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	63,398	4,658	91,497	159,553	90 5 4
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 13 3
1955	44,777	3,176	363,246	411,199	162 19 7
1956	44,705	3,430	397,578	445,713	171 1 10
1957	38,759	3,504	439,555	481,818	180 4 5

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.	Ratio of Advances to total Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Year 1952-53	83,297	321,396	404,693	224,091	55·37
„ 1953-54	90,784	353,742	444,526	218,046	49·05
„ 1954-55	105,717	367,752	473,469	249,129	52·62
„ 1955-56	104,128	370,587	474,715	263,064	55·42
„ 1956-57	111,262	365,983	477,245	246,633	51·68
Quarter ended March, 1956	105,997	380,275	486,272	257,838	53·02
„ „ June, 1956	102,326	369,047	471,373	263,651	55·93
„ „ September, 1956	106,525	343,960	450,485	256,247	56·88
„ „ December, 1956	110,565	362,314	472,879	247,774	52·40
„ „ March, 1957	113,964	379,292	493,256	237,245	48·12
„ „ June, 1957	113,994	378,366	492,353	245,266	49·81
1956—Month of April	100,259	384,016	484,275	262,895	54·29
„ „ May	102,634	364,787	467,421	265,639	56·83
„ „ June	104,008	359,404	463,412	261,923	56·52
1957—Month of April	113,547	385,709	499,256	241,962	48·46
„ „ May	113,819	376,020	489,839	246,203	50·26
„ „ June	114,659	373,956	488,615	247,398	50·63

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes seven Private Trading Banks; Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd.; Bank of New Zealand; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; and the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia which on 3rd December, 1953, took over the business of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Average deposits and advances at close of business on Wednesdays in periods.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Period.								Total Amount Cleared.
								£'000
1929 Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	814,668
1939	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	864,631
1952	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,204,105
1953	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,275,071
1954	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,840,422
1955	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,167,301
1956	„	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,328,831
1955—June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,369,883
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,209,314
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,398,692
1956—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,222,199
June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,473,267
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,225,359
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,408,006
1957—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,374,809
June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,597,859

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—				Total Deposits per Head of Population.
	State Savings Bank. (a)	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Other Savings Banks. (b)	Total.	
At 30th June—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1929	66,130	6,577	..	72,707	41 2 2
1931	57,138	6,104	..	63,242	35 2 10
1939	69,219	11,242	..	80,461	42 15 4
1950	198,680	58,441	..	257,121	116 14 5
1951	213,687	68,092	..	281,779	124 3 5
1952	224,347	76,485	..	300,832	128 16 2
1953	234,834	85,137	..	319,971	134 4 0
1954	245,607	94,174	..	339,781	138 15 2
1955	260,150	104,597	..	364,747	144 11 4
1956	264,317	110,215	11,644	386,176	148 4 9
1957	266,276	114,542	30,751	411,569	(c)154 14 0

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

(b) On last Wednesday in month.

(c) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—RETAIL SALES : HIRE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY
FINANCE COMPANIES.

(The statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by
retail but do not retail goods themselves.)

Period. (Quarter ended.)	New Agreements made during Period—				Balances Outstanding at End of Period. (a)
	Motor Vehicles.	Plant and Machinery.	Household and Personal Goods.	Total (All Goods).	
NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS.					
Year—1954	60,610	3,196	142,352	206,158	..
„ 1955	75,583	4,632	155,893	236,108	..
1955—March	15,714	953	38,524	55,191	..
June	18,575	1,010	35,761	55,346	..
September	19,958	1,060	37,856	58,874	..
December	21,336	1,609	43,752	66,697	..
1956—March	18,630	1,187	41,701	61,518	..
June	18,998	1,189	34,446	54,633	..
September	20,676	1,319	33,695	55,690	..
December	21,365	1,690	41,041	64,096	..
1957—March	19,908	1,292	41,058	62,258	..
June	19,781	1,228	42,063	63,072	..
VALUE OF GOODS (b) (£'000).					
Year—1954	41,582	2,309	10,647	54,538	..
„ 1955	55,146	2,736	12,452	70,334	..
1955—March	11,637	602	3,124	15,363	..
June	13,474	506	2,609	16,589	..
September	14,566	548	2,936	18,050	..
December	15,469	1,080	3,783	20,332	..
1956—March	13,291	715	3,709	17,715	..
June	14,550	799	2,559	17,908	..
September	15,289	773	2,526	18,588	..
December	15,715	971	3,717	20,403	..
1957—March	13,772	863	3,973	18,608	..
June	14,302	1,132	4,846	20,280	..
AMOUNT FINANCED (c) (£'000).					
Year—1954	24,845	1,415	8,572	34,832	..
„ 1955	33,143	1,663	10,204	45,010	..
1955—March	6,845	367	2,585	9,797	41,843
June	8,055	302	2,098	10,455	44,590
September	8,760	328	2,427	11,515	48,283
December	9,483	666	3,094	13,243	53,180
1956—March	7,987	430	2,975	11,392	55,030
June	8,707	489	2,068	11,264	56,025
September	9,506	494	2,018	12,018	57,748
December	9,872	603	2,985	13,460	61,023
1957—March	8,687	525	3,184	12,396	61,854
June	8,966	749	3,926	13,641	64,042

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously and include hiring charges and insurance.

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(c) Excluding hiring charges and insurance.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED.

Period.	Under £5,000.		£5,000 and Over.		Total Mortgages (a)	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£'000		£'000		£'000
1955 Year	31,886	51,998	1,325	23,555	33,211	75,553
1956 „	31,152	53,565	1,566	26,358	32,718	79,923
1955—March Quarter	6,693	10,773	282	4,183	6,975	14,956
June Quarter	7,963	12,882	322	7,233	8,285	20,115
September Quarter	8,357	13,443	371	6,294	8,728	19,737
December Quarter	8,873	14,900	350	5,845	9,223	20,745
1956—March Quarter	7,315	12,323	346	6,618	7,661	18,941
June Quarter	8,120	13,879	424	7,218	8,544	21,097
September Quarter	8,292	14,350	447	7,613	8,739	21,963
December Quarter	7,425	13,013	349	4,909	7,774	17,922
1957—March Quarter	7,374	13,405	388	6,368	7,762	19,773

(a) Excluding mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts which numbered 7,858 during the year 1955 and 4,710 during 1956.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED DURING
THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 1957.

(Lodgings under Transfer of Land Acts and Property Law Act.)

Type of Mortgagee.	Mortgages.					
	Under £5,000.		£5,000 and Over.		Total.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£'000		£'000		£'000
Banks (a)	940	1,546	19	197	959	1,743
Building Societies	295	515	1	20	296	535
Co-operative Housing Societies	1,136	2,546	..	..	1,136	2,546
Friendly Societies	2	3	..	..	2	3
Insurance Companies	461	1,124	87	2,848	548	3,972
Commonwealth and State Govern- ment Institutions (b)	1,254	2,789	20	138	1,274	2,927
Trustee Institutions	57	143	25	652	82	795
Other Mortgages	3,229	4,739	236	2,513	3,465	7,252
Total	7,374	13,405	388	6,368	7,762	19,773
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Proportion of Total Mortgages ..	95.0	67.8	5.0	32.2	100.0	100.0

(a) Including Commonwealth Bank (all Departments), State Savings Bank, &c., but excluding 1,175 mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

(b) Including Rural Finance Corporation, Soldier Settlement Commission and War Service Homes Division of the Department of Social Services.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				6 Months ended 30th June, 1957
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.	
Number Registered during period—					
Victorian Trading	537	1,521	1,937	2,081	1,154
Foreign	37	116	141	148	63
Mining	28	15	3	4	1
Total	602	1,652	2,081	2,233	1,218
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	17,302	104,166	96,189	98,702	57,216
Foreign	8,975	39,099	91,670	99,875	25,920
Mining .. .. .	..	82	11	110	21
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian Trading	10,229	14,983	16,573	18,537	19,531
Foreign	643	1,306	1,420	1,548	1,591
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	6,854	118,829	90,997	77,163	35,606
Mining	1,097	11,899	1,999	4,170	4,998

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY AND MONTHLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Period.	Districts.								Whole State— Weighted Average.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	North- ern.	North- Central.	North- Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps- land.	
Averages	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1911–1940 (a)	12·49	17·52	18·09	28·16	34·81	27·59	28·89	33·47	24·30
Year—									
1952 ..	15·22	21·87	21·86	35·56	46·24	39·30	40·66	48·71	32·75
1953 ..	12·27	19·62	16·81	28·69	35·57	30·40	30·75	35·29	25·38
1954 ..	13·41	17·68	21·22	29·88	35·58	25·92	30·93	34·02	25·02
1955 ..	17·68	22·44	26·00	35·99	49·05	32·40	34·12	33·86	30·24
1956 ..	20·85	24·31	31·45	41·17	55·59	34·02	34·29	44·25	34·69
1956—									
January ..	0·65	0·72	2·25	2·97	5·11	1·46	3·09	5·24	2·55
February	0·07	0·06	0·39	0·18	0·88	0·12	0·15	0·96	0·37
March ..	3·26	3·22	4·98	3·47	6·35	3·07	2·32	3·52	3·79
April ..	1·67	2·55	3·09	4·75	7·82	4·14	2·82	2·85	3·54
May ..	4·13	4·01	5·54	6·57	6·31	3·36	5·32	6·60	5·03
June ..	1·46	2·91	2·51	3·90	6·26	4·52	2·40	4·38	3·51
Six Months of 1956 ..	11·24	13·47	18·76	21·84	32·73	16·67	16·10	23·55	18·79
1957—									
January ..	0·02	0·09	0·05	0·31	0·13	0·21	0·32	0·54	0·20
February	3·21	3·39	1·84	1·83	1·39	3·10	1·40	1·58	2·37
March	0·68	1·19	1·22	1·66	2·43	1·91	1·42	2·16	1·56
April ..	0·29	0·69	0·72	1·45	1·71	2·14	1·54	1·67	1·23
May ..	0·35	0·77	0·35	1·43	1·38	2·75	2·22	2·71	1·48
June ..	1·65	1·65	2·71	3·19	5·11	1·65	1·78	2·31	2·40
Six Months of 1957 ..	6·20	7·78	6·89	9·87	12·15	11·76	8·68	10·97	9·24

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911–1940.

VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTRIES FOR SEASON 1956-57.

Districts and Counties.				Area.	Production.	Average Production per Acre.	District Average Production per Acre.
				Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Central .. .. .				..	..	..	28·19
Grant				6,847	201,345	29·41	..
North-Central .. .. .				..	..	..	15·48
Talbot				5,836	91,139	15·62	..
Western .. .. .				..	..	..	16·60
Grenville				2,912	65,600	22·53	..
Hampden				1,893	29,832	15·76	..
Ripon				4,297	52,892	12·57	..
Wimmera .. .. .				..	..	..	25·75
Lowan				108,477	2,550,060	23·51	..
Borong				276,143	7,316,484	26·50	..
Kara Kara				73,366	1,927,736	26·28	..
Mallee .. .. .				..	..	..	22·15
Millewa				62,434	1,187,317	19·02	..
Weeah				90,106	1,579,985	17·53	..
Karkarooc				481,307	10,289,608	21·38	..
Tatchera				299,126	7,611,612	25·45	..
Northern .. .. .				..	..	..	15·50
Gunbower				5,366	100,279	18·69	..
Gladstone				49,983	837,819	16·76	..
Bendigo				35,380	503,713	14·24	..
Rodney				13,399	205,852	15·36	..
Moira				40,008	586,605	14·66	..
North-Eastern .. .. .				..	..	..	12·57
Bogong				3,834	47,271	12·33	..
Gippsland .. .. .				..	..	..	24·84
Tanjil				412	13,265	32·20	..
Remaining Counties				4,184	83,774	20·02	..
Grain				1,565,220	35,282,188	22·54	..
Hay				19,332	..	..	..
Total				1,584,552	..	..	..

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				

Area of Crops.

	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1951-52	2,463,574	676,503	186,224	640,418	42,108	34,633	55,376
1952-53	2,232,097	756,129	234,597	752,932	52,851	35,706	52,729
1953-54	2,389,304	583,075	374,555	807,223	52,745	35,735	52,519
1954-55	2,390,173	644,444	280,595	739,099	44,075	35,921	52,468
1955-56	2,141,410	871,068	309,111	(c)879,288	37,020	35,298	50,913

Total Production.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d)	
1951-52	45,994,752	11,151,260	3,619,576	1,046,764	178,399	48,692	..
1952-53	50,334,634	12,599,050	4,734,175	1,245,217	133,148	61,687	..
1953-54	53,697,611	9,851,708	7,932,103	1,360,662	213,714	55,742	..
1954-55	48,484,543	10,020,742	4,945,720	1,207,679	206,577	54,042	..
1955-56	41,083,071	14,858,117	6,876,861	1,525,997	163,239	34,568	..

Average Yield per Acre.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons (d)	
1951-52	18·67	16·48	19·44	1·63	4·24	1·41	..
1952-53	22·55	16·66	20·18	1·65	2·52	1·73	..
1953-54	22·47	16·90	21·18	1·69	4·05	1·56	..
1954-55	20·28	15·55	17·63	1·63	4·69	1·50	..
1955-56	19·19	17·06	22·25	1·74	4·41	0·98	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1955-56 amounted to 2,566, 4,431, and 2,522 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1955-56 was 14,301 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 33,033 acres and oaten 198,873 acres.

(d) Weight of dried produce.

VICTORIA—VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN FOR GRAIN AND HAY IN 1956.

Variety.	Area (Actual).		Percentage of Total Area.	
	Acres.		%	
Insignia	857,331		54·11	
Pinnacle	309,042		19·50	
Quadrat	182,434		11·51	
Sherpa	128,396		8·10	
Gabo	29,516		1·86	
Magnet	17,572		1·11	
Insignia 49	16,340		1·03	
Bencubbin	13,994		0·88	
Baldmin	4,717		0·30	
Pindar	3,486		0·22	
Ghurka	3,196		0·20	
Sabre	2,708		0·17	
Kendee	2,298		0·14	
Javelin	1,655		0·10	
Koorda	1,526		0·10	
Bungulla	1,318		0·08	
Scimitar	888		0·06	
Blue Stem	783		0·05	
Diadem	773		0·05	
Warigo	568		0·04	
Federation	545		0·03	
Turvey	417		0·03	
Gluyas	389		0·02	
All other varieties and unknown seed	4,660		0·31	
Total	1,584,552		100·00	

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March—	Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
		All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952	169,246	1,438,523	776,007	2,214,530	213,670	21,537,229
1953	153,662	1,476,980	820,228	2,297,208	182,824	21,368,196
1954	140,818	1,540,730	829,454	2,370,184	232,384	21,438,007
1955	132,172	1,599,721	856,582	2,456,303	263,666	22,329,515
1956	118,705	1,662,548	954,039	2,616,587	227,223	23,343,212
1957	107,859	1,720,564	1,044,485	(a) 2,765,049	258,336	(a) 25,830,544

(a) The highest numbers ever recorded

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.	Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb. (a)
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£'000	d.
1950-51	193,211	25,055	218,266	132,946	146·18
1951-52	201,776	23,182	224,958	63,638	67·89
1952-53	214,035	38,160	252,195	78,761	74·95
1953-54	192,184	31,297	223,481	73,384	78·81
1954-55	219,517	33,847	253,364	75,125	71·16
1955-56	238,546	34,810	273,356	69,020	60·60

(a) Includes value of wool stripped from and exported on skins.

DAIRY CATTLE IN VICTORIA.

District.	Dairy Cows.			Other Heifers.	Calves.	Bulls.	Total Dairy Cattle.
	Milking Cows.	Dry Cows.	Springing Heifers.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central	142,980	60,221	15,394	38,435	40,263	7,720	305,013
North-Central	18,003	10,717	2,932	6,337	7,728	1,303	47,020
Western	158,110	104,705	26,079	51,318	51,223	10,716	402,151
Wimmera	12,920	8,859	3,197	4,024	6,472	1,711	37,183
Mallee	14,021	5,683	2,246	3,718	5,811	1,186	32,665
Northern	138,267	37,656	18,153	35,028	47,350	7,611	284,065
North-Eastern	55,013	46,870	17,098	16,779	24,199	3,949	163,908
Gippsland	233,959	64,309	22,938	51,830	64,985	10,538	448,559
Totals at 31st March, 1957	773,273	339,020	108,037	207,469	248,031	44,734	1,720,564
Totals at 31st March—							
1953	673,975	273,086	77,242	193,141	220,273	39,263	1,476,980
1954	685,084	302,261	87,228	199,404	225,802	40,951	1,540,730
1955	757,080	268,153	91,313	208,314	233,804	41,057	1,599,721
1956	780,132	291,304	100,156	208,718	239,192	43,045	1,662,548
1957	773,273	339,020	108,037	207,469	248,031	44,734	1,720,564

VICTORIA—SHEEP AND LAMBS.

District.	One Year Old and Upwards.				Under One Year Lambs.	Total Sheep and Lambs.
	Rams.	Breeding Ewes. (a).	Other Ewes.	Wethers.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central	28,248	1,052,087	91,749	641,483	421,239	2,234,806
North-Central	20,928	805,616	60,373	669,482	350,476	1,906,875
Western	98,135	3,376,135	420,587	2,511,696	1,730,540	8,137,093
Wimmera	42,192	1,737,966	174,195	1,391,587	919,541	4,265,481
Mallee	20,246	1,086,179	19,922	293,988	493,457	1,913,792
Northern	55,760	2,303,893	77,949	763,079	1,010,692	4,211,373
North-Eastern	22,652	940,123	48,462	406,929	364,268	1,782,434
Gippsland	14,522	628,578	48,885	398,863	287,842	1,378,690
Totals at 31st March, 1957	302,683	11,930,577	942,122	7,077,107	5,578,055	25,830,544
Totals at 31st March—						
1953	250,427	9,999,346	1,003,129	5,882,446	4,232,848	21,368,196
1954	247,795	9,604,805	1,045,615	6,104,951	4,434,841	21,438,007
1955	258,890	10,084,016	1,012,503	6,542,895	4,431,211	22,329,515
1956	274,394	10,752,280	998,620	6,695,619	4,622,299	23,343,212
1957	302,683	11,930,577	942,122	7,077,107	5,578,055	25,830,544

(a) Includes breeding ewes not mated, 726,816 this season as compared with 768,078 in the previous season (1956).

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.
Factories No.	9,250	15,533	15,861	16,053
Persons employed (a)—				
Males No.	136,218	240,698	251,675	258,006
Females	65,613	90,579	94,973	97,179
Total No.	201,831	331,277	346,648	355,185
Wages paid (b)—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Males	29,006	190,573	213,377	234,784
Females	7,021	45,463	49,373	52,160
Total	36,027	236,036	262,750	286,944
Value of—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fuel, light, and power used	3,595	27,540	30,002	32,666
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs	2,655	18,123	21,422	23,547
Materials used (including containers) ..	80,722	531,528	597,009	653,231
Production (net)	65,996	408,314	452,223	491,948
Output	152,968	985,505	1,100,656	1,201,392
Land and buildings	42,026	158,389	186,324	214,921
Machinery and plant	38,570	181,059	226,347	258,296

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	1,576	7,730	9,302	10,408
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,530	6,205	7,122	7,862
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils, and grease	4,462	27,346	33,067	39,959
Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances	16,460	138,569	157,227	174,154
Precious metals, jewellery, and plate	547	3,103	3,169	3,376
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	6,324	43,860	43,924	45,289
Skins, and leather (not clothing or footwear) ..	1,373	6,464	6,588	6,439
Clothing	7,865	41,286	43,224	44,817
Food, drink, and tobacco	12,610	55,231	57,250	60,221
Woodworking and basketware	2,391	16,383	18,943	19,865
Furniture, bedding, &c.	1,281	6,301	7,106	7,921
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, etc. ..	4,930	27,373	31,287	32,300
Rubber	1,573	9,296	9,949	11,426
Musical instruments	24	296	304	377
Miscellaneous products	722	10,357	11,881	13,333
Heat, light, and power	2,328	8,514	11,880	14,201
Total	65,996	408,314	452,223	491,948

Note.—“Added Value” is the source from which provision is made for the following :—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1955-56.

Industry.	Gross Value of Production.(a)	Marketing Costs.	Value at Place of Production.	Costs of Production. (b)	Net Value of Production	Net Value per Head of Population.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
Primary—						
Agriculture	88,902	14,098	74,804	9,115	65,689	25 12 3
Pastoral	123,757	11,715	112,042	7,222	104,820	40 17 4
Dairying	70,094	2,500	67,594	13,293	54,301	21 3 5
Poultry and Bee Farming	21,394	1,623	19,771	6,743	13,028	5 1 7
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries	16,961	1,207	15,754	..	15,754	6 2 10
Mining	11,726	810	10,916	2,049	8,867	3 9 2
Total Primary ..	332,834	31,953	300,881	38,422	262,459	102 6 7
Manufacturing (c) ..	491,948	..	491,948	..	491,948	191 16 1
Total all Industries ..	824,782	31,953	792,829	38,422	754,407	294 2 8

(a) Gross value is defined as the value of recorded production at the wholesale price realized the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Costs of production include stock feed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but exclude depreciation, wages and maintenance costs.

(c) Manufacturing is included at its net added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE (a) OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.							Total.
	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Poultry and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manu- facturing.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1939-40 ..	6 8 9	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 15 2
1940-41 ..	3 16 7	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 18 5
1941-42 ..	8 1 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 8 10
1942-43 ..	10 2 11	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 19 0
1943-44 ..	8 12 3	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 13 4
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1
1945-46 ..	11 2 7	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	95 0 6
1946-47 ..	16 3 9	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	110 9 9
1947-48 ..	24 2 1	20 11 10	9 10 4	2 19 8	3 11 4	1 2 2	76 12 0	138 9 5
1948-49 ..	18 12 5	25 7 0	10 10 8	3 16 5	3 18 0	1 0 7	86 9 7	149 14 8
1949-50 ..	24 16 9	35 14 0	12 10 5	3 18 1	4 5 9	1 0 10	101 0 6	183 6 4
1950-51 ..	23 18 1	72 11 5	13 4 5	4 10 2	4 12 5	1 6 7	123 4 10	243 7 11
1951-52 ..	27 16 10	43 7 4	17 0 3	5 11 1	5 8 9	1 16 7	145 5 6	246 6 4
1952-53 ..	27 10 10	45 18 2	18 1 5	6 8 4	5 4 9	2 16 2	151 11 0	257 10 8
1953-54 ..	27 1 8	44 19 2	19 1 5	5 18 10	5 2 0	3 0 1	168 10 6	273 13 8
1954-55 ..	24 14 6	45 1 10	18 13 2	4 17 8	5 4 5	3 5 6	181 15 1	283 12 2
1955-56 ..	25 12 3	40 17 4	21 3 5	5 1 7	6 2 10	3 9 2	191 16 1	294 2 8

(a) See footnote (b) above.

VICTORIA—PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND BROWN COAL AND BRIQUETTES MANUFACTURED.

Period.			Black Coal.	Brown Coal.				Briquettes Manufactured. (a).	
				State Electricity Commission.			Privately-operated Mines.		Total.
				Yallourn.	Yallourn North.	Morwell.			
Year ended	31st	Dec- ember—	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	
1939	365	3,650	..	1	3,651	415	
1949	123	6,321	644	410	7,375	577	
1950	126	6,211	623	493	7,327	527	
1951	148	6,314	927	595	7,836	563	
1952	144	6,448	1,087	569	8,104	554	
1953	152	6,475	1,242	540	8,257	560	
1954	141	7,081	1,312	938	9,331	614	
1955	133	7,721	1,505	11 875	10,112	636	
1956	119	8,106	1,548	7 899	10,560	620	
1955—									
March Quarter	32	1,753	331	.. 185	2,269	156	
June Quarter	32	1,970	380	.. 222	2,572	168	
September Quarter	34	2,061	413	.. 256	2,730	161	
December Quarter	35	1,937	381	11 212	2,541	151	
1956—									
March Quarter	26	1,884	361	4 190	2,439	163	
June Quarter	29	2,056	395	.. 222	2,673	160	
September Quarter	32	2,192	427	1 261	2,881	156	
December Quarter	32	1,974	365	2 226	2,567	141	
1957—									
March Quarter	32	1,931	392	32 212	2,567	162	
June Quarter	25	2,113	411	20 224	2,768	159	

(a) The quantity of brown coal used in the manufacture of briquettes is included in previous columns in the figures of production by the State Electricity Commission.

VICTORIA—IMPORTS (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA) OF BLACK COAL.

Period.			Interstate.			Oversea.				Grand Total— Inter- state and Oversea.
			From New South Wales.	From Queens- land.	Total.	From United Kingdom.	From India.	From South Africa.	Total.	
Year ended	31st	December—	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'0'000 tons.
1939			1,404	..	1,404	..	..	..	..	1,404
1949			1,197	..	1,197	145	185	24	354	1,551
1950			1,144	8	1,152	..	211	217	428	1,580
1951			1,236	72	1,308	..	139	72	211	1,519
1952			1,488	166	1,654	..	200	..	200	1,854
1953			1,262	160	1,422	..	17	..	17	1,439
1954			1,252	143	1,395	..	..	..	..	1,395
1955			1,241	121	1,362	..	..	..	..	1,362
1956			1,111	82	1,193	..	..	..	..	1,193
1955—										
March Quarter ..			253	22	275	..	..	..	..	275
June Quarter ..			352	19	371	..	..	..	..	371
September Quarter ..			338	53	391	..	..	..	..	391
December Quarter ..			298	27	325	..	..	..	..	325
1956—										
March Quarter ..			191	8	199	..	..	..	..	199
June Quarter ..			319	26	345	..	..	..	..	345
September Quarter ..			335	24	359	..	..	..	..	359
December Quarter ..			266	24	290	..	..	..	..	290
1957—										
March Quarter ..			196	33	229	..	..	..	..	229

Note.—The Victorian State Coal Committee, which supplied details of interstate black coal imports has now ceased to function.

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.

Period.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.
1938-39 Year ..	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1951-52 " ..	226·4	2,565·3	2,791·7	224·1	2,420·5	2,644·6
1952-53 " ..	234·9	2,785·5	3,020·4	232·2	2,622·4	2,854·6
1953-54 " ..	154·9	3,347·5	3,502·4	151·4	3,149·5	3,300·9
1954-55 " ..	219·3	3,751·1	3,970·4	215·7	3,514·6	3,730·3
1955-56 " ..	459·3	3,970·0	4,429·3	455·8	3,726·4	4,182·2
1956-57 " ..	440·7	4,316·5	4,757·2	437·8	4,053·3	4,491·1
1955-56—						
September Quarter ..	123·3	1,050·3	1,173·6	122·3	984·8	1,107·1
December Quarter ..	122·9	927·5	1,050·4	122·0	869·1	991·1
March Quarter ..	70·5	933·1	1,003·6	69·8	876·8	946·6
June Quarter ..	142·6	1,059·1	1,201·7	141·7	995·7	1,137·4
1956-57—						
September Quarter ..	97·7	1,201·4	1,299·1	96·7	1,132·1	1,228·8
December Quarter ..	176·4	962·9	1,139·3	175·5	901·9	1,077·4
March Quarter ..	67·3	1,011·0	1,078·3	66·8	946·8	1,013·6
June Quarter ..	99·3	1,141·2	1,240·5	98·8	1,072·5	1,171·3

Note.—Figures above of electricity generated by the State Electricity Commission (including Melbourne City Council Power House, Spencer-street) represented in 1956-57, 99 per cent. of the total generated by all authorities in Victoria.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.		New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.			
		Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.							
						No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
				£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000	
(a) Old Series.											
1938	Year	..	..	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1948	"	..	..	8,531	14,837	371	1,660	6,090	2,217	14,992	18,714
1949	"	..	..	10,768	20,391	331	1,846	6,920	2,142	18,019	24,379
1950	"	..	..	12,268	26,343	467	3,045	10,368	3,185	23,103	32,573
1951	"	..	..	11,110	29,462	593	4,706	17,450	5,639	29,153	39,807
1952	"	..	..	6,621	18,916	777	6,299	17,212	6,584	24,610	31,709
1953	"	..	..	8,671	25,823	1,311	7,400	17,713	7,182	27,695	40,405
1954	"	..	..	10,719	33,589	1,304	11,715	17,509	8,834	29,532	54,138
(b) New Series.											
1954	Year	..	..	13,505	40,550	1,592	17,140	19,833	9,496	34,430	67,186
1955	"	..	..	14,305	45,938	1,299	14,524	20,729	12,819	36,333	73,281
1956	"	..	..	13,023	44,059	1,296	14,600	21,051	12,431	35,370	71,090
1956—											
	March Quarter	..	..	3,433	11,365	275	2,901	5,073	2,973	8,781	17,239
	June Quarter	..	..	3,483	11,912	353	4,853	5,800	3,158	9,636	19,923
	September Quarter	..	..	3,117	10,809	316	4,168	5,276	3,511	8,709	18,488
	December Quarter	..	..	2,990	9,972	352	2,678	4,902	2,790	8,244	15,440
1957—											
	March Quarter	..	..	3,095	11,019	270	2,154	5,297	3,182	8,662	16,355
	June Quarter	..	..	3,390	11,848	327	2,980	5,959	3,237	9,676	18,065

As from 1st January, 1954, the metropolitan area was re-defined for statistical purposes by the inclusion of additional municipal areas.

(a) Municipal areas in metropolis prior to 1st January, 1954.

(b) Municipal areas in metropolis as from 1st January, 1954.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£,000		£'000
1939 Year	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1948 „	800	1,203	33	443	832	251	1,665	1,897
1949 „	1,060	1,793	41	585	1,149	275	2,250	2,653
1950 „	1,280	2,446	29	118	1,172	429	2,481	2,993
1951 „	1,072	2,469	60	572	1,369	362	2,501	3,403
1952 „	657	1,587	95	642	1,363	604	2,115	2,833
1953 „	787	2,075	150	1,173	1,473	712	2,410	3,960
1954 „	964	2,787	159	1,318	1,558	858	2,681	4,963
1955 „	868	2,662	141	1,515	1,606	1,390	2,615	5,567
1956 „	798	2,630	179	2,285	1,526	1,143	2,503	6,058
1955—								
March Quarter ..	198							
June Quarter ..	220	585	25	226	390	239	613	1,050
September Quarter..	243	675	42	370	409	273	671	1,318
December Quarter ..	207	760	38	494	410	690	691	1,944
		642	36	425	397	188	640	1,255
1956—								
March Quarter ..	201	622	39	474	352	273	592	1,369
June Quarter ..	207	674	44	580	456	358	707	1,612
September Quarter ..	181	633	49	438	377	293	607	1,364
December Quarter ..	209	701	47	793	341	219	597	1,713
1957—								
March Quarter ..	188	608	20	251	345	704	553	1,563
June Quarter ..	213	746	29	685	404	286	646	1,717

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let (a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1942-43 ..	1,092	135	1,227	1,080	135	1,215
1942-43 Year ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 ..	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 ..	747	345	1,092	495	115	610
1945-46 ..	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47 ..	2,069	930	2,999	921	570	1,491
1947-48 ..	1,281	919	2,200	1,388	791	2,179
1948-49 ..	1,221	626	1,847	1,453	904	2,357
1949-50 ..	1,287	1,183	2,470	1,479	975	2,454
1950-51 ..	1,575	1,439	3,014	1,365	1,334	2,699
1951-52 ..	931	2,039	2,970	1,428	1,542	2,970
1952-53 ..	1,528	2,032	3,560	1,573	1,665	3,238
1953-54 ..	2,605(b)	718	3,323	2,140(b)	1,450	3,590
1954-55 ..	2,711(b)	1,304	4,015	2,464(b)	1,496	3,960
1955-56 ..	1,029(b)	1,109	2,138	2,625(b)	1,527	4,152
1955-56—						
September Quarter ..	218(b)	220	438	636(b)	382	1,018
December Quarter ..	560(b)	502	1,062	587(b)	423	1,010
March Quarter ..	121(b)	276	397	601(b)	289	890
June Quarter ..	130(b)	111	241	801(b)	433	1,234
1956-57—						
September Quarter ..	214(b)	219	433	360(b)	314	674
December Quarter ..	268(b)	128	396	389(b)	338	727
March Quarter ..	480(b)	327	807	268(b)	206	474
June Quarter ..	391(b)	385	776	421(b)	284	705
Grand Total to 30th June, 1957 ..	21,545	14,590 (c)	36,135	20,935	13,850 (c)	34,785

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Figures relate to the metropolitan area as re-defined for statistical purposes from 1st January, 1954.

(c) Including to 31st December, 1953, information relating to municipal areas incorporated in the metropolitan area as from 1st January, 1954, viz:—

	Contracts for Dwelling Units.	Dwelling Units Completed.
Shire of Dandenong	362	227
Shire of Frankston and Hastings	106	103

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz., 234 at Sunshine and 34 at Coburg.

HOUSES SOLD.

The number of Housing Commission houses sold to 30th June, 1957, was 3,135.